

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20554**

In the matter of:)

FCC's cancellation of license to) 1800B3-TSN Media Bureau/Audio Div.
WA2XPA-AM, WI2XSO-AM and)
WI3XSO-AM)

**REQUEST TO SUSPEND LICENSE CANCELLATION ORDER TO WA2XPA,
WI2XSO AND WI3XSO UNTIL THE FCC DETERMINES THE FUTURE OF
EXPERIMENTAL AM SYNCHRONOUS BOOSTERS (RM-11779)**

March 25, 2017

DISCUSSION:

- WA2XPA-AM, WI2XSO-AM and WI3XSO-AM have been on the air for 13, 14 and 17 years respectively, rebroadcasting continuously and uninterruptedly the programming of their main stations WAPA-AM and WISO-AM.
- In November 7, 2016 the FCC issued a license cancellation letter stating that these boosters were supposed to be experimental and shouldn't be licensed for more than 5 (five) years. The license cancellation and shutdown of these AM synchronous boosters is effective May 7, 2017.
- Immediately the licensee of WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3XSO, Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi filed a reconsideration petition stating that the order was discriminatory since there was another booster in Puerto Rico licensed to another broadcaster and it was not included in the license cancellation. In response the FCC ordered WI2XAC to shutdown too, but on May 29, 2017 (since the license cancellation letter was sent in response to our complaint)
- However, the FCC has not sent (to the best of our knowledge and the information publically available at CDBS files) a license cancellation letter to any of the AM synchronous boosters that are operating in the Continental U.S. **On the contrary, these other synchronous boosters have a permanent 8 (eight) year license as the main station does.**

A) WA2XPA, WI2XSO, and WI3XSO have Facility Id. Numbers different from the main station. While the FCC has obliged Puertorican AM synchronous boosters to renew annually their licenses, the FCC issued a long term license to KM2XVL, Huntsville Texas which has a facility id. number different from that of its main station. (BR-20130322AAF) as can be found in CDBS files. The license for the experimental KM2XVL was extended for a term expiring 08/01/2021. (Copy of the license renewal authorization is attached from CDBS files)

B) In the case of the experimental boosters WBZT Pompano Beach, FL; WLLH Lawrence, MA; KKOB Santa Fe, NM; and KCOH Houston, TX all of them have the same facility id. number as of their main stations. The renewal of these synchronous boosters have been for periods of 8 (eight) years concurrently with the main station license renewal. (As an example: license renewals for WBZT Experimental Operation is included from CDBS files showing its license is renewed every eight years concurrently with main station's license)

- In November 21, 2016 the FCC issued a comment period towards a Rule Making on AM synchronous boosters (RM-11779), since in the reconsideration petition I claimed the FCC that the request for Rulemaking made by me on Jan/2014 wasn't considered before ordering a license cancellation
- All the comments in RM-11779 support the permanence of AM synchronous boosters. Among the commenters are the Association of Consulting Engineers before the FCC, several Consulting Engineers, Former and Present Governor of Puerto Rico, the Puertorican Senate and House of Representatives unanimously, the State Emergency Agency of Puerto Rico, broadcasters from Puerto Rico and from the Continental US that have listened to the performance of these AM synchronous boosters in Puerto Rico.
- The AM synchronous boosters that have been cancelled are located at the United States territory/colony of Puerto Rico. None of the other AM synchronous boosters in the U.S. have received a license cancellation notice.
- These AM synchronous boosters have been on the air serving the public interest since WAPA/WISO-AM are stations dedicated fully to news and information. The people of Arecibo, Aguadilla, Mayaguez and their neighborhoods will be deprived of a news service they have been accustomed to have on a daily basis for more than a decade.
- In the case of WSTE-TV in Puerto Rico Grande Siete Television was awarded an experimental TV service of consisting of a main transmitter and three TV booster stations to serve the whole island of Puerto Rico and the FCC not only permitted them to

rebroadcast entirely the programming of WSTE-TV thru the experimental TV boosters but later gave them a permanent, unitary license to operate.

- The licensee of WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3XSO-AM has not only filed a petition to reconsider to the FCC but a petition to grant a Grandfather clause to these stations to continue operating. We are about a month away from the date to sign-off permanently these boosters and the FCC has not pronounced on the matter.
- In the event the FCC reaffirms in its decision to cancel WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3SO the licensee will have to dismantle immediately each of these facilities and enter into a flea market of the broadcast equipment and real state property of these stations because if not vandals will get in charge of dismantling the facilities. The idea of keeping a 24 hour guard service to the premises of a permanently shut down facility does not make sense because of its cost.
- The licenses of WA2XPA, WI2XSO, WI3XSO and WI2XAC specify that these stations have to rebroadcast their main station's programming. Nowhere it says that these stations were licensed for 5 (years) and that they could only rebroadcast the main station only occasionally and for short periods of time.
- In absence of an FCC pronouncement on the RECONSIDERATION PETITIONS this licensee has made the following precautionary measures:

BLANCO-PI has entered in a purchase agreement with WMIA-AM Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The assignment of license application was already filed at the FCC. In an attempt to substitute WA2XPA-AM.

BLANCO-PI has requested the FCC to relocate WVOZ-AM Morovis, P. R. to Aguadilla, P.R. The new site for WVOZ-AM would be the existing site for WI3XSO. In an attempt to substitute WI3XSO-AM.

BLANCO-PI is negotiating a barter agreement to obtain an AM station license that could be relocated to the WI2XSO-AM site in Mayaguez, PR.

None of these movements will serve the public interest of the people served by WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3XSO as well as these boosters did. However, the FCC decision to cancel the boosters force us to make an effort to have a Plan B to continue operating.

The AM SYNCHRONOUS BOOSTERS AS THEY ARE USED IN PUERTO RICO BUT BEING PERMANENTLY LICENSED IS THE BEST TOOL FOR ANY AM BROADCASTER TO REVITALIZE THEIR OWN STATIONS. While the FCC decides on RM-11779 the

existing AM synchronous boosters in Puerto Rico and the Continental US must be kept licensed and on the air.

IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO THE FCC:

- W4BP
- (1) To suspend the order to cancel the license of WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3XSO until a final decision is made in the rulemaking process RM-11779. The existing boosters shall continue operating until a final decision is made by the FCC on the matter.
 - (2) A grandfathered permanent license to existing AM synchronous boosters in Puerto Rico and the Continental US is requested again. Since those broadcasters invested their time, monetary resources and affected the operation of their main stations while experimenting to achieve a useable synchronous booster operation.
 - (3) If the am synchronous boosters in Puerto Rico (territory/colony of the US) are going to be cancelled those AM synchronous boosters in the Continental U.S. shall be deprived too of their license. None of those licenses has been cancelled by the FCC and have been issued for an 8 year term, renewed concurrently with the main station.
 - (4) If the FCC decides to cancel an experimental synchronous operation the FCC shall give back the main station the licensed parameters it had just before initiating the experimentation. Any power reduction due to ratchet rule application shall be reinstated.
 - (5) If the am synchronous boosters in the Continental US have a license for 8 years and is renewed concurrently with the main station license that should be applied too to the AM synchronous boosters of the territory/colony of Puerto Rico.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The FCC is interfering with the self determination process of the people of Puerto Rico since WAPA/WISO has been the only broadcasting

network promoting statehood for PUERTO RICO consistently and freely since Blanco-Pi purchased WAPA back in 1991. The FCC is cancelling WAPA/WISO signal on 1/3 of the Island FIVE WEEKS before the celebration of a PLEBISCITE IN PUERTO RICO ON JUNE 11, 2017. The boosters are scheduled to sign off permanently on May 7, 2017. The people of Puerto Rico would decide on Statehood or Independence. The plebiscite was proposed by the Obama administration and the Congress is funding it under the supervision of the Attorney General of the U.S.A.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi

ENG. WIFREDO G. BLANCO-PI, LICENSEE

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Attachments:

- (a) Letter to US Attorney General
- (b) CDBS files for KM2XVL Huntsville, TX showing they have a license until 2021
- (c) CDBS files for WBZT Experimental Operation at Pompano Beach showing their license is renewed every eight years, not annually

c: Hon. Jeff Sessions, US Attorney General; Chairman Ajit Pai, FCC



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March 25, 2017

Hon. Jeff Sessions, Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Sir:

For the past 26 years the WAPA RADIO NETWORK (a news/talk network owned by me) has promoted statehood for Puerto Rico consistently and free. I am a Cuban born, U.S. citizen that has lived in Puerto Rico for almost sixty years. Having experienced the origins of the Cuban revolution and suffered from the seize of my small radio station at Cuba (CMAX Vinales), immediately after Castro got the power in Cuba, I have tried to convince the people of Puerto Rico of how important it is for them, and for my son to achieve Puerto Rico being the 51st. state of the Union.

The Federal Communications Commission ordered me to shutdown three AM synchronous booster stations of my radio network that serve 1/3 of the island of Puerto Rico effective May 7, 2017 (only five weeks away from the celebration of the Plebiscite). I believe that action would interfere with the self determination of the people of Puerto Rico since our message on the need for Puerto Rico voting in favor or Statehood will be impeded to 1/3 of the island's population to close to the plebiscite.

FCC's decision is pending a reconsideration petition and a rulemaking proceeding initiated on November 2016. So, we believe the hurry in shutting down our signal does not serve the best interest of the people of Puerto Rico.

Included is our latest request filed before the FCC to suspend its order to sign off and to suspend the license cancellation of our three AM synchronous boosters: WA2XPA Arecibo, P. R., WI2XSO Mayaguez, P. R. and WI3XSO Aguadilla, P. R. There are at least five other AM synchronous boosters in operation in the Continental U.S. and whose licenses have not been cancelled to the best of our knowledge.

Very truly yours,

Eng. Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi, licensee
WAPA RADIO NETWORK

WAPA-680-AM
San Juan

WA2XPA-680-AM
Arecibo

WISO-1260-AM
Ponce

WI2XSO-1260-AM
Mayagüez

WI3XSO-1260-AM
Aguadilla

WGYA-1590-AM
Guayama

WMTI-1580-AM
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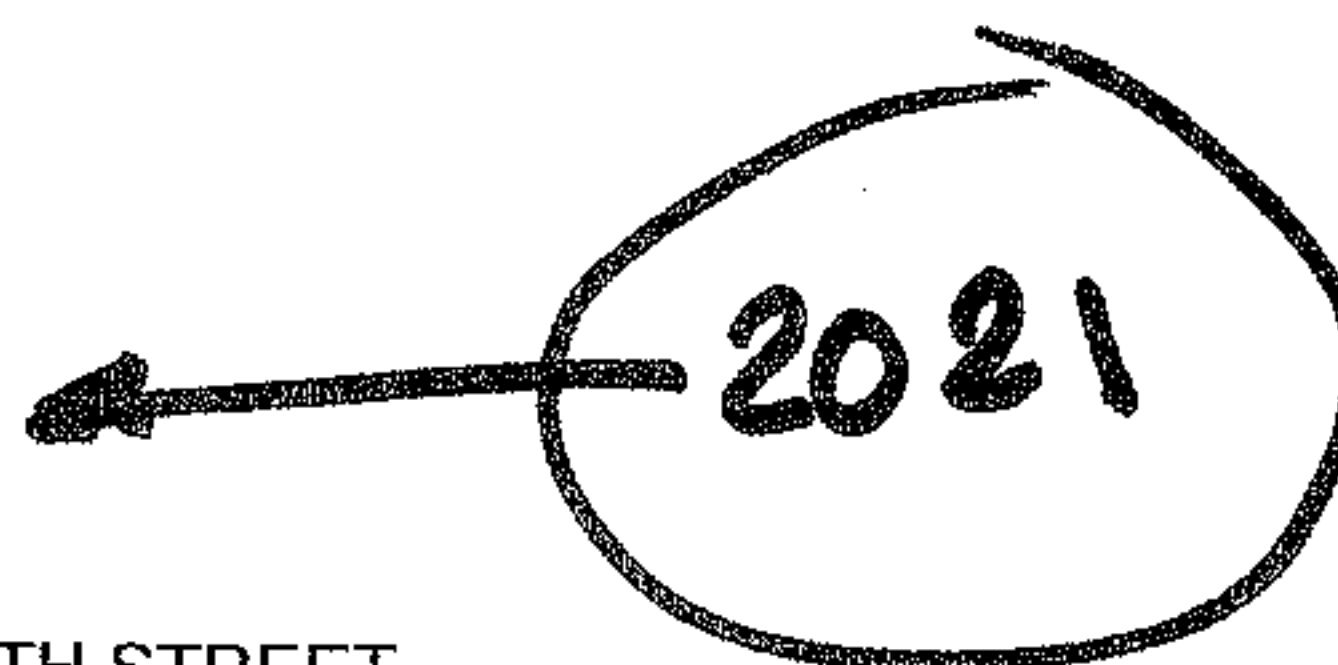
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Primary Station Call Sign:
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Service: AM
Fac Type: EXPERIMENTAL STATION
Status: LICENSED
Status Date: 04/06/2000
Frequency: 1220
Channel:
Digital Status:
Lic Expir: 08/01/2021
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Mrs. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Re: 1800B3-TSN (Urgent Request to stop FCC action)
WA2XPA-AM, WI2XSO-AM, WI3XSO-AM

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

Enclosed please find, in triplicate, a **REQUEST TO THE FCC to SUSPEND** the license cancellation of
WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3XSO effective **May 7, 2017**.

Please return the 'receipt' copy attached in the enclosed pre-postaged envelope.

Thanks,

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